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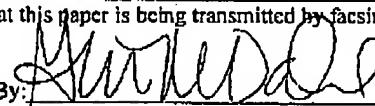
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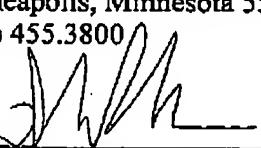
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Dear Sir:

Applicants have received the Office Action dated July 3, 2007. In reviewing the Office Action, it is apparent that the Examiner inadvertently failed to consider the revisions made to the claims in the international stage. Amendments were filed on November 10, 2004 and May 2, 2005. Translations of the Amendments were provided when the request for this national stage application was filed, and therefore those Amendments should have been addressed in the initial examination. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the July 3, 2007 Office Action be withdrawn, and that a new Office Action directed to the correct set of claims be issued.

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